

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Martin LETZ et al.

Serial No.: 10/784,922

Group Art Unit: 1709

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Examiner: ESLAMY, Mohammad

For: LIQUID AND METHOD FOR LIQUID IMMERSION LITHOGRAPHY

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2007, applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-27, drawn to a liquid for immersion lithography. The traversal is on the grounds that the patent office has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the claimed invention.

Additionally, applicants bring the attention of the Examiner to MPEP § 821.04, Rejoinder, which states that "if the elected invention is directed to the product and the claims directed to the product are subsequently found patentable, process claims [both process of making and using] which either depend from or include all the limitations of the allowable product will be rejoined." If the restriction requirement is maintained at this point over method claims 28-30, rejoinder of the non-elected claims is respectfully requested at the proper time in accord with the rejoinder provisions of the MPEP.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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